

(ii) Externally aided projects are being implemented for development and preservation of forests.

(iii) Guidelines to all State/UT Governments to involve village communities in protection and regeneration of degraded forests.

(iv) Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been enacted to regulate the diversion of forest lands.

(v) A net work of protected areas has been established.

(vi) Recently, Ministry has prepared a National Forestry Action Plan to enhance the contribution of forestry and tree resources for ecological stability and people centered development through improvement in investment for conservation and development of forest resources.

Forest Cover of NER

1434. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total geographical forest vegetated area of North Eastern Region State-wise;
- (b) the total area now properly used by forest department and total area remaining barren State-wise;
- (c) the forest area used for shifting cultivation State-wise; and
- (d) the total area of dense forests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) State-wise details of forest cover and degraded forests as per State of Forest Report 1999 are as under:

(Area in sq. km.)

State	Forest cover	Degraded forest
Arunachal Pradesh	68,847	11,091
Assam	23,688	9,171
Manipur	17,384	11,448
Meghalaya	15,633	9,708

State	Forest cover	Degraded forest
Mizoram	18,338	14,552
Nagaland	14,164	9,027
Tripura	5,745	3,517
TOTAL:	163,799	68,514

(c) As per assessment of Forest Survey of India, State-wise details of forest areas under shifting cultivation between 1987 to 1997, are as under:

Area in Sq. Km

State	Area under Shifting cultivation
Arunachal Pradesh	2304
Assam	1271
Manipur	3626
Meghalaya	1833
Mizoram	3769
Nagaland	3940
Tripura	591
TOTAL:	17,344

(d) As per State of Forest Report 1999, the total area of dense forest in the North East Region is 95.285 sq. Km.

Closure of Indo-Dutch Project under Ganga Action Plan

† 1435. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the decision of the Netherlands Government to close down Indo-Dutch Project under Ganga Action Plan in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details regarding the conditions under which Indo-Dutch Project was sanctioned by Government;

(c) whether Government are aware of the complaints of Uttar Pradesh Government regarding this project not running according to these conditions;

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.